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SUBJECT: CSCE: ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR SEPARATE
DECLARATION ON MEDITERRANEAN

REF: GENEVA 2751

1. AS FORESEEN REFTTEL, WE CIRCULATED TO INTERESTED NATO
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DELEGATIONS MAY 9 A PAPER GIVING "ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES"

OF HOW REFERENCES TO THE MEDITERRANEAN COULD BE INTRODUCED UNDER EXISTING CSCE AGENDA ITEMS. WE EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD DRAWN LANGUAGE FROM EXISTING DOCUMENTS SUCH AS HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS AND DUTCH DRAFT FRAMEWORK PAPER, BUT THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS WERE PURELY ILLUSTRATIVE, AND THAT WE WERE NOT NECESSARILY WEEDED TO THE LANGUAGE. WE STRESSED THAT WE HOPED SOME SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND DI THESE LINES, SINCE WE REMAINED FIRMLY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE CSCE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.

2. OUR ILLUSTRATIVE PAPER, COUPLED WITH OUR ARGUMENTS AND FIRM RESISTANCE TO A SEPARATE DECLARATION, SEEMS TO HAVE SWAYED SEVERAL INTERESTED NATO DELEGATIONS, AND WE DREW SUPPORT FROM TURKEY, GREECE AND PORTUGAL. NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND UK URGED COMPROMISE ALONG LINES WE HAD SUGGESTED, AND ONLY FRENCH AND ITALIANS DEFENDED SEPARATE DECLARATION.

3. TURKISH, GREEK, AND UK REPS PROPOSED JOINT DRAFTING OF A PAPER BASED ON OUR IDEAS, WHICH COULD BE TABLED AS ONE PAPER WITH SECTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION INTO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES. THESE SECTIONS WOULD BE ABSORBED UNDER EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS, AS WE HAVE PROPOSED. INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP WILL MEET FOR THIS PURPOSE NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMENT: WITH FRENCH AND ITALIANS NOW ISOLATED WITHIN NATO GROUP, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO AGREE ON A PAPER WHICH WILL EXCLUDE PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. ONCE INDIVIDUAL TEXTS ARE INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DEBATE AND MODIFICATION. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE THAT UNIFIED NATO POSITION ON MORE MODEST TEXTS, COUPLED WITH ADAMANT SOVIET OPPOSITION TO RENEWED INTRUSION OF MEDITERRANEAN ISSUE IN CSCE, SHOULD PRECLUDE ADOPTION OF LANGUAGE ON MEDITERRANEAN WHICH WOULD BE OBJECTIONABLE TO US. END COMMENT.

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